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220.

PTOLEMAIC KINGDOM: Ptolemy VIII Euergetes II (170–116 BC). Æ 46 mm (68.55 gm), Cyrene. Horned head of Ammon right, wearing taenia with basileion / [ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ], filleted double cornucopia, Φ in left field. Svoronos 1640. Very rare. Glossy brown patina. Fine/fair **\$500**

Ex John Bergman Collection (CNG 60, 22 May 2002, lot 1004); ex CNG XXIX, 30 March 1994, lot 394.

This very rare coin and the following belong to an interesting class of bronzes that include the epithet Euergetes in their legend, assuring attribution to Ptolemy VIII. O. Mørkholm believed that bronzes with this legend were issues of an uncertain Cypriote mint (see SNG Copenhagen 651–657). But T.V. Buttrey published a number of examples (smaller denominations) found in the Cyrene excavations, proving that they originated there. Ptolemy VIII was elevated to coregency with his older brother Ptolemy VI in 170 BC, but fraternal strife led to a partition of the kingdom: in 163 Ptolemy VIII was made king of Cyrenaica, where he reigned until 145, when the death of Ptolemy VI opened the way for him to return to Egypt. Egyptian records suggest that he did not adopt his epithet Euergetes until after 145. Nevertheless, the coinage, with its Lagid royal types, is far more likely to have been minted during Ptolemy's reign in Cyrenaica than after his return to Egypt.



221.

Æ 45 mm (65.63 gm), Cyrene. Horned head of Ammon right, wearing taenia with basileion / ΒΑΣΙΛΕΩΣ [ΠΤΟΛΕΜΑΙΟΥ ΕΥΕΡΓΕΤΟΥ], filleted double cornucopia, Φ in left field. Svoronos 1640. Very rare. Black and red patina. Fine **\$1,200**



222.

CYRENAICA: Cyrene. Ca. 322–308 BC. AV stater (8.63 gm). Nike driving slow quadriga right / Zeus-Ammon standing left, sacrificing from phiale over thymiaterion and holding scepter. Naville 90. BMC Cyrenaica p. 29, 118–119. Very fine **\$3,750**



Enlargement